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Wayne Bradshaw sentenced to 45 years for death of toddler

Bradshaw's 18-month-old child suffered massive blunt force trauma July 2013

(Indianapolis, Ind.) -- Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced that Wayne Bradshaw will be sent to prison for 35 years, with an additional 10 years of suspended time, for his role in the death of his 18-month-old daughter. The sentence was ordered today, pursuant to a plea agreement in which Bradshaw admitted to the fatal neglect of his daughter, in Count III, Neglect of a Dependant (Class A Felony).

On July 26, 2013, the child was found unresponsive in Bradshaw's home when police responded to a 911 call from Bradshaw. She was taken to Methodist Hospital where she was pronounced dead. The victim and two other children were home alone with Bradshaw, their biological father, at the time of the death.

Dr. Tara Harris, a board certified child abuse pediatrician, testified during the sentencing hearing that the child suffered significant hemorrhaging and trauma to her body.

After the defendant completes his prison sentence, he will serve an additional five years of probation. During his sentence, he may have no contact with children who are not biologically his.

The Prosecutor's Office is grateful to paramedics, medical staff at Methodist Hospital, Riley Child Protection Team, Department of Child Services investigators and IMPD officers.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.